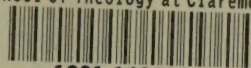


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The Services
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United States of America,
as ordered by
The Bishops,
During the Civil War.

"Prayer was made without censuring of the Church unto GOD."

For the Benefit of the A. S. Sanitary Commission.

Brooklyn, February 22d, 1864.

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Introduction.

The origin and purpose of this volume cannot be better explained than in the words of the Lady at whose instance and by whose efforts it has been prepared.

She says, "It was during an extensive trip through many of the Aristocratic States last Summer, that I noticed the diverse forms of the Prayers for our Country, its Rulers and brave defenders as used in the several Dioceses where we spent our successive Sabbaths.

And as I heard in each place the earnest "Amen" to these petitions, fuller and heartier than to almost any other portion of the service, I could not but think how valuable a collection of these different forms would be, as giving not only the sentiments and supplications of the wise and holy men who wrote them, but as gathering likewise into small and rich compass the whole pleading heart of the Episcopal Church from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Ladies to the battle-lines."

This purpose has been in the main fulfilled. School of Theology with the exception of a few instances

in which the Prayers of the Bishops have failed
either to be sent, or to be received, The volume em-
braces the various patriotic Prayers of the several
Dioceses of the Church north.

As a volume it embodies the loyal senti-
ments of the Episcopal Church. As Prayer
it expresses that loyalty in its honest quality
and its noblest authority, appealing to the
Teacher of Hearts. It illustrates therefore the
legitimate connexion of piety and patriotism.
It indicates if it does not define the necessary
union of politics in its large sense, with that
large view of religion which recognizes a Divine
authority for both Church and State.

In this fixed form moreover these Prayers
become a memorial that not only instructs
to a present patriotism, but may suggest to
future teachers and supplicants, the beautiful
holiness of loyalty. They may be, as no
winged words of extemporaneous utterance could
ever do upon the future character of our people
teaching the conscience the sacredness of allegiance
to the Government, inspiring the heart with a
patriotism that shall be as fervid as devotion
itself - and insuring the unity and welfare of
the nation by the vest of bonds - Superior

duty to God.

To this holy mission we send forth
the volume. May the GOD of our fathers
bless it to their souls.

February 1864.

Brooklyn.

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Hartford Jan^y 20th 1864.

My Dear Miss J

In accordance
with your request, I have de-
sired Bishop Williams to copy
the Prayers set forth for the use
of the Churches in the Diocese of
Connecticut, during this unhappy
War.

Wishing you every success
in your noble and patriotic un-
dertaking, I am,

Very truly
Your Friend & Serv^t.

J. C. Brownell
JCB

Form of Prayer

Set forth by the Bishop, for the diocese of
Vermont.

"O Lord God Almighty, the Creator and Preserver
of the Universe, by whose Providence the nations of the
earth are governed and sustained, we humbly desire to
prostrate our souls before Thy Majesty in this time of trial,
when the sad calamity of civil war has been appointed to
hasten us for our innumerable sins of pride, profanity and
irreligion. O Lord, in wrath, remember mercy. Restrain the
madness of human passion, the arm of cruel violence, and
the effusion of blood. Protect our friends and brethren, who
have gone forth, at the call of our government, to fight the bat-
tles of their country. And grant, in Thine infinite mercy,
that this sorrowful Conflict may soon be ended,
and our land restored again to prosperity and peace.
We ask this blessing at Thy hand, who art the only
Giver of all victory, in the name and for the sake
of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

This form of prayer may be used instead of

Collect for Peace.

O Eternal Father! the God of Peace and
Love, who alone art able to still the ra-
ving of the sea, the noise of its waves,
and the madness of the people: send us
help in trouble, for vain is the help of man;
dispose the hearts of all this people to
accept the counsels of conciliation and
peace; keep far from us the evils of strife
and the horrors of civil war; and in
due time, bring light out of darkness,
order out of confusion, and good out of
evil; so that all things may be made
to work together for the good of thy Church,
the Glory of thy name, the safety, honor
and welfare of our whole Country: -
all which we ask, for Jesus Christ's sake,
our only Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Set forth to be used by the Clergy of the Diocese
of Kentucky, instead of the Prayer for the Union
lately set forth.

April 20th 1864

Prayer for the Union.

O Eternal God! the supreme Disposer of all events, and the rightful Governor of all the Nations upon Earth, look down in mercy upon our beloved country, and graciously avert from us all those evils which we most justly have deserved, and whereof our consciences are afraid: the evils of discord and disunion. Raise up, we beseech thee, a continual succession of able, wise and good men, worthy to stand in the places of the Fathers of our Country: so that our Union being preserved, our free institutions may be handed down, wholly unimpaired, to the latest generations! Grant this, we humbly beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Savior.

Amen.

Diocese of Kentucky,
Last day of 1863.

The object of the Ladies is so noble and patriotic, that their request is most cheerfully complied with.

They will observe that the tone and spirit of these Collects, savor of the temper and feeling of a Border Southern State.

The first was used some months, whilst yet the decision of Kentucky wavered on a balance.

The second is the breathing of loyal hearts in Kentucky ever since the affair at Sumpter, from which it so nearly dates. Still, there being a divided sentiment in every Parish, it was thought best to frame a prayer in which all could join.

B. B. Smith, { Bp. of the P. E. Ch.
" in the Dio. of Ky.

Bishop McIlwaine's Prayer
for the Country in its present need.

Almighty God, in whom is all our
refuge & strength, we beseech thee to look
with favour & blessing upon our country on
which have come the grievous calamities
of war. In the cause of rightful order &
authority & for the maintenance of just
& equal laws. do we stand before thee;
desiring to put our trust, not in our own
wisdom & strength, but to be strong in the
Lord & in the power of His might. In
the name of our God, do we set up our
banners. The Lord hear us in the day

of trouble. The name of the God of
Jacob defend us. In all our ways,
may we humbly & obediently ack-
nowledge thee. & do thou. O Lord, direct
our steps. Make us courageous in doing,
& patient in suffering whatever may be
required of us. Strengthen the union of
the people in loving devotion to their coun-
try & its government. & in all brotherly
kindness, one toward another. Rule thou
in the councils & wills of those to whom,
under thee, the safety of the land is
committed. Restrain all evil passions
among the people. Bring to naught all
evil designs. Make the wrath of man to
praise thee. May light arise out of darkness.

ness - Make all things work together
for our good; & while we shrink not from
any painful duty before us, make us
earnest for such peace as will main-
tain the supremacy of the Law, the sa-
curities of righteous liberty, the honour
& welfare of the nation. Comfort & save
with an everlasting salvation all those
who shall suffer & those who shall die
in this strife; & at last unite us together
in the blessedness of the Kingdom of our
Lord Jesus Christ, in whose merits we
pray, & to whom, with the Father, &
the Holy Ghost, be all honour & glory,
world without end - Amen -

Copied by the Author -

Diocese of Wisconsin.

O God, who art the blessed and
only Potentate, the King of Kings and
Lord of Lords, the Almighty Ruler
of Nations, we bless and magnify
thy glorious Name for all the
mercies and blessings which Thou hast
bestowed upon us now in this season
of our sorrow & humiliation. We ren-
der Thee our grateful thanks that
peace & order have been preserved in
this portion of our land, that honest
labor has been plentifully rewarded,
& that the Church has been permitted to
serve Thee in all godly quarters. En-
able us to show our thankfulness to Thee
for these & all the other mercies by our
own spontaneous offerings of the souls which have
justly brought thy chastening hand upon
us, by loving, active sympathy for all
in trouble & affliction, by earnest efforts

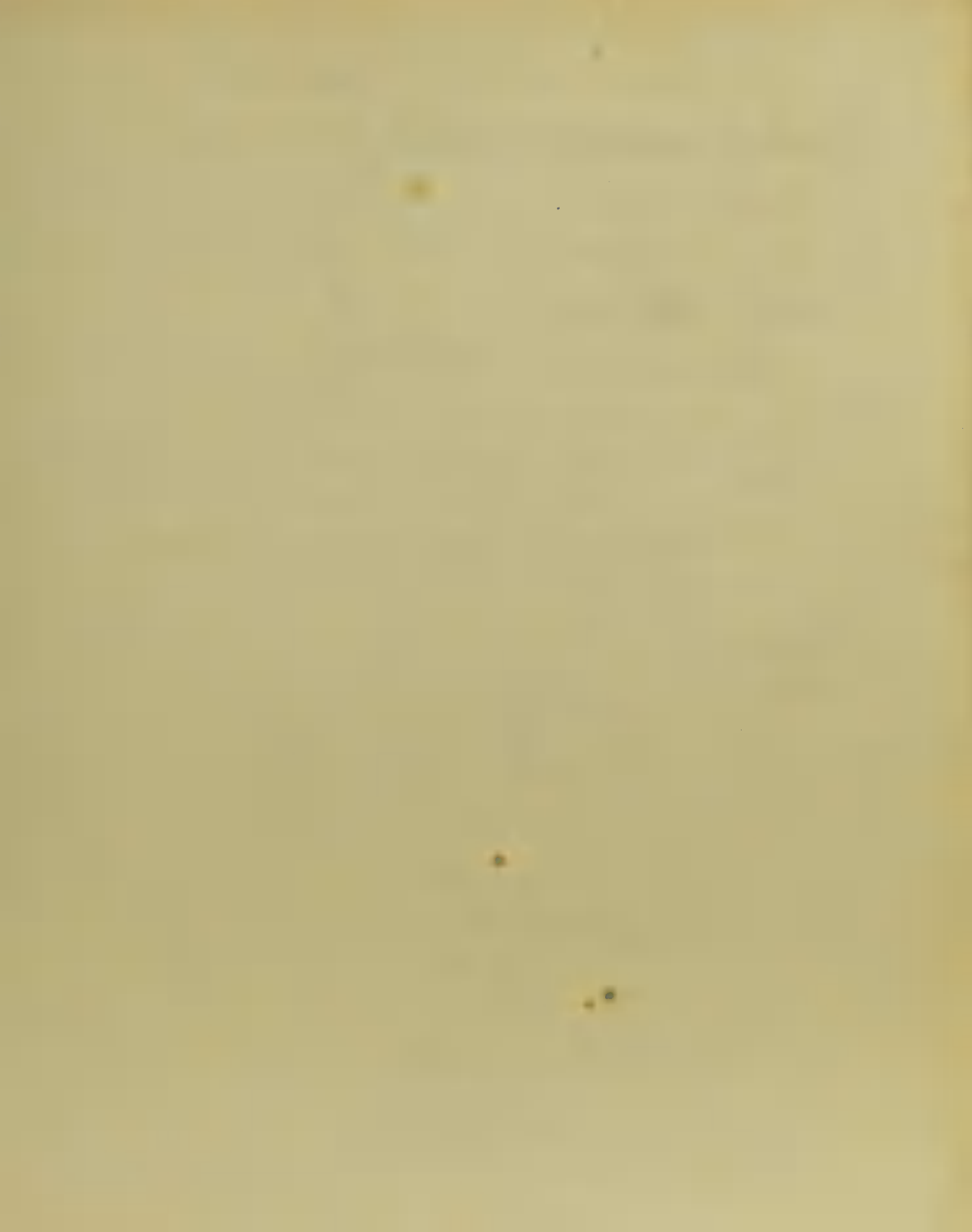
and hearty prayers for the restoration
of the unity, peace and welfare of our
beloved country, & by the renewed devo-
tion of ourselves to Thee in an hum-
ble, holy & obedient walking all our
days, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with the Father & the Holy Spirit
be all honor and glory, world without
end. Amen

Minneapolis. Wis. 30th Jan'y / 64

Jackson Kemper

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Bishop of Wisconsin





To the
Clergy & congregations of Western New York:

Brethren,

I set forth this Edition
the following Prayer to be used at the
discretion of the Clergy, in the ap-
propriate place, in the Morning & Eve-
ning Service

fervently commending our
country to the protection & blessing
of Almighty God,

I remain affectionately,
Your friend & Bishop,
William H. De Lancey,
Bishop of Western
New York

New York Sept 15 1862.

Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, King
of Kings, and Lord of Lords, by whose will
nations are cast down, or stand, we
humble ourselves before thy Divine Majesty
in this our national distress and trouble,
we confess our unworthiness and guilt
in thy sight and the justice of thine
ordination of thy wrath. Tenderly we implore
thy forgiveness defence and succor. Up-
hold, we beseech thee, the governments of this
land by thy merciful and mighty power.

Restrain the enemies of peace & union. Give
grace, wisdom, and strength, to all in authority
over us, that by their counsel, control

and efforts, upheld and guided by this
power & blessing, this Republic may ever
be preserved. Guide and bless all
such as are gone forth forth preservation,
defence or rescue, shield them in all
perils and exposures. Restore them to health
sick or wounded sustain & comfort them in
mourning and woe. In the hour of death,
and in the day of Judgment God Lord, deliver
them. Grant that truth, duty and patriotism
may triumph. Stay the progress of intestine
war and insurrection. Restore to our country
prosperity and peace; and grant that all
who are humbled and improved by these afflictions,
our Land, may henceforth strive more faithfully
serve thee here on earth, and may finally
attain to everlasting life hereafter, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

from A Form of Prayer composed & uttered
in the House of Maryland,
on occasion of the Day of Annihilation,
Fasting and Prayer, recommended
by President Buchanan
January 4th 1861.

(After the Prayer for the President,
and before the Litany.)

O Eternal God, our heavenly Father,
who alone makest men to be of
one mind in a house, and stillest
the outrage of a violent and unmanly
people; save and deliver us, we
humbly beseech Thee, out of the
manifest and great troubles, which,
for our sins, have most justly come
upon us; abate among us the over-
flowings of pride, assuage the bitterness
of malice; appease the stripes and
torments which have arisen, and
let them not grow unto more angu-
ish and blood-guiltiness; but bring

us back to unity of aim and conduct;
Reconcile peace in our time, O merciful
Lord, and cause us so to agree in endeavour
to Thy glory and the welfare of all
Thy people, that we may henceforth
obediently walk in Thy holy com-
mandments, and leading a quiet
and peaceable life in all godliness
and honesty, may continually offer
unto Thee our sacrifice of praises
and thanksgiving for Thine infinite
compassion towards us; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Before the General Thanksgiving.)
O most mighty God, and merciful
Father, who hast compassion upon
all men, and hatest nothing that
Thou hast made; who wouldst
not the death of sinners, but
rather that they should turn
from their sins, and be saved; who
hast taught us in Thy holy Word,
that Thou dost not willingly

afflict a-grieve the children
 of men; mercifully behold this
 nation, now humbling itself
 under Thy mighty hand, in this
 its day of confusion and trouble.
 We acknowledge and bewail our
 manifold sins and wickedness,
 which have most justly provoked
 against us Thy wrath and indigna-
 -tion. We have been dwelling evil-
 -lessly, not laying to heart the
 things that warn our penitence,
 nor remembering the latter
 end of our ways; and Thou hast
 left us to the fruit of our own devices,
 and made us to feel the miseries
 that have come upon us. Therefore
 we remember the name of the
 Lord our God, and turn to Thee in
 our day of visitation, as unto a
 faithful Creator, committing the
 keeping of our souls to Thee. Renew
 and comfort us, who are grieved and

wearied with the burden of our sins.
Thy property is always to have mercy;
to Thee only it appertaineth to
forgive sins; spare us therefore.
good Lord, spare Thy people, whom
Thou hast redeemed; enter not into
judgement with Thy servants, who
are vile earth and miserable
sinners; but do turn Thine anger
from us, who meekly acknowledge
our wickedness, and truly repent us
of our faults, and so make haste
to help us in this world, that bring
restored to godly quietness here,
we may ever live with Thee in the
world to come, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

O Lord, whose nature and property
is ever to have mercy and to forgive;
receive our humble petitions, which
with one heart and one mouth,
throughout this land, we now offer
unto Thee; and though we be tied

and bound with the chain of
 our sins, yet let the pitifulness
 of Thy great mercy loon us. Give
 us grace seriously to lay to heart
 the great dangers we are in by our
 unhappy divisions. Take away all
 hatred and prejudice and whatsoever
 else may hinder us from godly
 union and concord: that, as there
 is but One Body, and One Spirit, and
 one Hope of our Calling, One Lord,
 one Faith, one Baptism, one God
 and Father of us all; so we may
 hereafter be all of one heart, and
 of one soul, united in one holy bond
 of Truth and Peace, of Faith and
 Charity, and may with one mind
 and one mouth glorify Thee, through
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(For the Collect for the Day)

Almighty God, in whose hand it
 is to make great, and to destroy,
 enable us to humble ourselves
 under Thy mighty hand, that in

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due time we may be exalted;
casting all our care upon Thee,
who only savest for us surely and
effectually; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

The same prayers, with one
alteration, (substituting
"appease the strife and tumults
which have arisen, and put an
end to our grievous wars; let
not our dissensions grow unto
more ungodliness and blood-
guiltiness" in the first prayer
for the briefer form of the petition
as above,) were recommended
for use on the Day of Annihilation
Fasting and Prayer, appointed
by President Lincoln,
on September 26th, 1861.

Prayers
 recommended by a Pastoral letter
 April 22, 1861
 [Adapted from the Book
 of Common Prayer.]

O most powerful and glorious Lord
 God, the Lord of Hosts, that orderest and
 commandest all things; Thou wilt
 in the throne judging right, and
 therefore we make our address to Thy
 Divine Majesty in this our necessity,
 that Thou wouldest take the cause
 into Thine own hands, and judge
 between those who are engaged in
 the miserable strife which now
 distroubles our land. Stir up Thy
 strength, O Lord, and come and help
 us; for Thou givest not always the
 battle to the strong, but canst save
 by many or by few. O let not our
 sins cry against us for vengeance,
 but hear us, Thy poor servants, begging
 mercy, and imploring Thy help, and

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that Thou wouldst be a defense
unto us against the face of every
one who would do us wrong. Make
it appear that Thou art our Succour
and mighty Deliverer; Through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, the Supreme
Governor of all things, whose power
no creature is able to resist, to
whom it belongeth justly to punish
crimes, and to be merciful to those
who repent, save us now, we humbly
beseech Thee, and assuage the
tumults by which this people is
rent and torn; that we, being armed
with Thy defense, may be preserved
we are from all peril, to glorify
Thee, who art the only Giver of
all victory; through the merits of
Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving
for Cuba Federal Victories and for the
Raising of the Siege and
Blockade of Washington
recommended by Pastoral Letter of
March 15th 1862 to the Clergy
of the District of Columbia
for use in that District
during eight days from Sunday the
16th March 1862.

O Almighty God, the Sovereign Commander
of all the world, in whose hand is
power and might which none is
able to withstand; we bless and
magnify Thy great and glorious
Name for the happy successes which
Thou hast of late compassed in
so many instances to the arms of our
Nation, and more especially for the
deliverance of this City and District
from the horrors of blockade and siege.
And we beseech Thee, give to us and
to all this People grace to use this
great mercy shown toward us to Thy

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glory, the advancement of Thy Gospel,
the honour of our country, and, as much
as in us lieth, the good of all mankind.
Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to a true
thankfulness, such as may appear
in our lives by a humble, holy and
obedient walking before Thee all
our days; through Jesus Christ
our Lord; to whom, with Thee, O
Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost,
as for all Thy mercies, so in particu-
lar for these victories and this
deliverance, be all glory and
honour, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for Spiritual Consolation
under the Calamities
and Calamities

of Sedition and Civil War.

Recommended for Use by the Clergy
of Maryland in compliance
with the Request of a Proclamation
of President Lincoln, dated
April 11, 1862.

O merciful ever and heavenly
Father, who hast taught us in Thy
word that Thou dost not willingly
afflict or grieve the children of men;
we humbly beseech Thee if Thy good-
ness to comfort and remove all those
who are at this time suffering in
the miserable calamities brought
upon this Nation by sedition and
civil war. Mercifully vouchsafe
supplies of spiritual strength and
consolation to the wounded, sick
and dying, and raise up friends for
them in their need. Be a Father to the

fatherless, and a Husband to the
widow, Friend shelter to the
homeless, sustenance to the im-
perished, support to the bereaved
and the destitute. Lighten the
bonds of those who are captives
or in prison. Give all, in their
several visitations, a right under-
standing of themselves, and of Thy
threats and promises, that they
may neither cast away their
confidence in Thee, nor place it
any where but in Thee. Relieve
the distressed, protect the innocent,
and awaken the guilty; and for
as much as Thou alone bringest light
out of darkness, and good out of evil,
make the manifold forms of human
suffering now darkening our Land
effectual for the conversion of many
souls to Thee, that among us fruits meet
for repentance may be abundantly brought
forth, and that the glory of Thy grace may
be made known among all nations, now
and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our LORD.
Amen.

13.
For the Day of Humiliation, Fasting
and Prayer, appointed to be observed
on April 30th 1863
by President Lincoln

the same Prayers were recommended
as for the 4th of January and 26th of
September, 1861, except the
following.

O most mighty God, and merciful Father,
who hast compassion upon all men, and
hatest nothing that Thine hast made; who
wouldest not the death of sinners, but
rather that they should turn from their
sins, and be saved, who hast taught us in
Thy holy Word, that Thine dost not willingly
afflict or grieve the children of men; mercifully
behold this Nation, now humbling itself
under Thy mighty hand, in its day of
confession and trouble. As a people we
approach Thee, to bow down our souls under
Thy mighty hand. We have sinned against
Thee, the more sinfully, because of the
abundance of our privileges and mercies

under Thy providence and grace, In pride
 and living unto ourselves; in covetousness
 and worldliness of mind; in self-sufficiency
 and self-dependence; in glorying in our
 own wisdom, and riches, and strength,
 instead of glorying only in Thee; in
 making our boast of Thy unmerited
 blessing, as if our own might and wisdom
 had gotten them, instead of acknow-
 -ledging Thee in all, and seeking first Thy
 Kingdom and righteousness; in profaneness
 of speech and ungodliness of life; in polluting
 Thy Sabbath and receiving in vain Thy
 grace in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 we acknowledge, O Lord, that as a nation
 and people we have grievously transgressed.
 We acknowledge and bewail our manifold
 sins and wickedness, which have most
 justly provoked against us Thy wrath
 and indignation. We have been dwelling
 carelessly, not laying to heart the things
 that concern our peace, nor remembering
 the latter end of our ways; and Thou hast

left us to the fruit of our own evils,
 and made us to feel the miseries that
 have come upon us. Therefore, we unani-
 mously invoke the Name of the LORD our LORD, and
 turn to Thee in our day of visitation,
 as unto a faithful Creator, committing
 the Keeping of our souls to Thee. Revive
 and comfort us, who are grieved and
 wearied with the burden of our sins.
 Thy property is always to have mercy;
 to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive
 sins; spare us therefore, good LORD, spare
 Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed;
 enter not into judgement with Thy
 servants, who are vile earth, and miserable
 sinners; but so turn Thine anger from us,
 who meekly acknowledge our iniquity,
 and truly repent us of our faults, and
 so make haste to help us in this world,
 that, being restored to godly quietness
 here, we may ever live with Thee in the
 world to come; through Jesus Christ
 our LORD. Amen.

Prayers

from A Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving
 composed for use in the Diocese of Maryland
 on occasion of the Day of National Thanksgiving
 Praise and Prayer on account of late Victories
 by Land and sea, appointed by Breachincoln
 August 6th. 1863.

(After the Prayer for the President.)
 Almighty God, whose Kingdom is everlasting
 and power infinite, have mercy upon the
 whole Church, and so rule the hearts of
 those who are in chief power and authority
 in this Nation, that they, knowing whose
 ministers they are, may above all things
 seek Thy blessing and glory; and that we,
 and all those who are subject to their
 administration of the Constitution
 and laws by which they and we are
 governed, duly considering whose author-
 ity they bear, may faithfully serve,
 honour, and humbly obey the law of
 the land by them administered and
 executed, in thee and for thee, according

to Thy blessed Word and Ordinance;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who,
with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth
and reigneth ever, world without end.

Amen

and this:

Most gracious Lord, we humbly beseech
Thee, as for the people of these United
States in general, so especially for all
those who in Council or Field shall be
called on to assist in restoring to peaceful
and orderly course the affairs of this whole
Nation; that Thou wouldst be pleased
to direct and govern all their consulta-
=tions, and to guide and further their
proceedings, to the advancement of Thy
glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety,
honour and welfare of Thy people; that
all things may be so ordered and settled
by their endeavours, upon the best and
surest foundations, that peace and har-
=mony, truth and justice, religion and
piety, may be established among us for

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all generations. These and all other
necessaries, for them, for us, and Thy whole
Church, we humbly beg in Thy Name and
Mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed
Lord and Saviour. Amen.

(After the General Thanksgiving.)
Almighty Ever and most merciful
Father, who, in Thy wise and loving
Providence toward mankind, hast
ordained Powers for the administration
of civil authority, to rule and govern
in Thy Name the people on the earth
committed to their charge; and hast
commanded all, in their several
stations, to render unto them true and
due obedience in Thy fear, even for
conscience's sake, withholding neither
honour, nor tribute, nor custom, nor
orderly submission and subjection;
and hast furthermore enjoined
Thy people to offer unto Thee for such
civil rulers all Supplications, Prayers,
Intercessions and Thanksgiving: We,

remembering such Thy commands and
injunctions, ~~do~~ now most humbly approach
Thee to render due Praise, Honour and
Thanksgiving for the mercies of Cuth
undescribed to this Nation, by the good
success of those entrusted with its govern-
=ment in the suppression of the grievous
rebellion by which the very being of the
Nation, and all orderly administration
of its Laws and institutions, have been
in peril of utter ruin and extinction.
We acknowledge, O Lord, that Thou hast
done wonderful things in our behalf,
of the least of which we are not worthy.
Whereas our deservings have been only
wrath and condemnations, and have
most justly brought upon us the miseries
and sorrows by which, as a nation, and
far and wide throughout the homes
and households of the land, we have
been afflicted; Thou, in the midst of
wrath, hast remembered mercy, and hast
not cursed us to be utterly consumed

and dismayed, but opened for us a door
 of deliverance by the faithful service of
 brave men fighting the battles of their
 country on land and sea in behalf
 of the Law and Order which are from
 Thee, in breaking which man fighteth
 against Thee, and in maintaining
 which, at whatever hazard or extremity,
 the humblest citizen, in his place, is
 bound to do Thee service. For the signal
 and effective victories with which Thou
 hast rewarded to reward their efforts,
 we render Thee hearty thanks and praise,
 beseeching Thee to continue Thy most
 gracious protection to our armies and
 fleets, and to use them as Thy instru-
 =ments for the restoration of peace, good
 order, and godly quietness in the land.
 And humbly we entreat Thee to give to
 us, and to all this People, grace to use
 these Thy great mercies shown toward
 us to the furtherance of Thy glory, the
 advancement of Thy Gospel, the honour of

our country, and as much as in us
lieth, the good of all mankind. Stir up
our hearts, O Lord, to a true thankfulness,
and as may appear in our lives, by a
humble, holy and obedient walking
before Thee all our days: Through Jesus
Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee, O
Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, as for
all Thy mercies, so in particular for
those for which this day, with all this
Nation, we return Thee thanks, be^{all} glory
and honour, world without end. Amen

(For the Collect of the Day-)

Almighty God, who hast in all ages
showed forth Thy power in the protection
of every nation and people faithfully
professing Thy holy and eternal Truth,
and putting their sure trust in Thee;
We yield Thee our unfeigned thanks
and praise for all Thy public mercies,
and more especially for those now recently
wondered at to this Nation, in its need:
Wherefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,

best use. Thy Name be ascribed all
honour and glory, in all Churches of
the Saints, from generation to generations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Note - This (with one addition) is
the Collect for the Fourth of July in
the Service in the Proposed Book, of 1785)

For the Day of National Thanksgiving
appointed by President Lincoln to be
observed on November 26th 1863,

The "Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving
for the Fruits of the Earth" was used
together with some of the foregoing
Prayers, and the following:

Almighty God, who art a strong
Tower of Defence unto Thy servants against
the face of their enemies: We yield Thee
praise and thanksgiving for the progress
of our deliverance from those great and
apparent dangers wherewith we have been
surrounded. We acknowledge, O Lord, that
Thou hast done wonderful things in our

behalf, of the least of which we are not
worthy. Whereas our deservings have been
only wrath and condemnation, and have
most justly brought upon us the miseries
and sorrows by which, as a nation, and
far and wide throughout the homes and
households of the land, we have been
afflicted; Then, in the midst of wrath,
hast remembered mercy, and hast not
caused us to be utterly confounded and
dismayed, but hast opened for us a door
of deliverance from the consequences
of our own sins and the sins of our fore-
-fathers, and hast still withheld from us,
in large measure, the continuance of
Thy good gifts of food and other earthly
blessings - For these, and all ^{the} other instances
of Thy loving-kindness toward us, we
render Thee hearty thanks and praise;
beseeching Thee to continue Thy most
gracious protection to us for the restoration
of peace, good order and godly quietness
in the land. And humbly we entreat

Thee to give^{to} us, and to all this People
 grace to use these Thy great mercies
 shown toward us to the furtherance
 of Thy glory, the advancement of Thy
 Gospel, the honour of our country,
 and, as much as in us lieth, the good
 of all mankind. Stir up our hearts,
 O Lord, to a true thankfulness, such
 as may appear in our lives by a
 humble, holy and obedient walking
 before Thee all our days: Through Jesus
 Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee,
 O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, as
 for all Thy mercies, so in particular
 for those for which this day, with all
 this Nation, we return Thee thanks,
 be all glory and honour, world
 without end. Amen.

Prayer set forth by Bishop
Henry W. Lee, of Iowa and Kansas,
December 10, 1860.

O most mighty God and merciful
Father, whose wise and righteous
Providence governeth all things
in heaven and on earth, save and
deliver us, we humbly beseech thee,
from the dangers to which, by our
sins, we are exposed, and let unity,
peace and concord prevail through
out our land. Spare thy people,
good Lord, spare them; and let
not thine heritage be brought to
confusion. Preserve our nation from
desolating judgments, from discord
and contention; May we be a

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united and happy people, Throwing forth thy praise, and dwelling securely under the shadow of thy wings. Pardon our manifold transgressions, and deliver us from every evil; or if thou shouldst visit us in judgment, remember mercy; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.
Amen.

Prayer set forth by the same,
April 25, 1861.

O Almighty God, the Supreme Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist; to

whom it belongeth justly to pun-
ish sinners, and to be merciful
to those who truly repent; saved
and deliver us, we humbly beseech
thee, from the perils, calamities,
and miseries of discord, sedition
and civil war. Appease the tu-
mults that have risen up amongst
us. Prosper every effort for the
maintenance of the laws, and may
the supreme authority be so estab-
lished by thy blessing, that peace
and happiness, truth and justice,
religion and piety, may be continued
among us for all generations.
May the rulers and people of
these United States be under thy
special care and protection. May

they be armed with thy defence,
and dwell securely under the
shadow of thy wings. O Lord, in
the midst of judgment, remember
mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord,
spare them, and let not thine
heritage be brought to confusion.
Hear us, we beseech thee, for thy
mercy is great; and after the
multitude of thy mercies look
upon us and upon our country,
through the merits and mediation
of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Prayer set forth by the same
for the Fast Day appointed by the
President of the United States for
Sept. 26, 1861.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who dost govern all things in heaven
and earth, Look with pity, we be-
seech thee, upon our country visited
by thy hand. In thy wisdom thou
hast seen fit to bring distress upon
us, and to punish us for our sins
O Lord, in the midst of judgment
remember mercy. Appease the
tumults that have risen up amongst
us, and graciously restore to us
the blessings of unity, peace and
concord. May our rulers and people

be under thy special care and protection. May they be armed with thy defence, and dwell securely under the shadow of thy wings. Guard by thy Providence those who have gone forth in the service of their country, and preserve them from every evil and danger. O Lord, take the cause into thine own hand, and judge between us and those who are in arms against us. Deal not with us according to our sins, neither reward us according to our iniquities. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and make us to be a people fearing thee and working

righteousness. May the time soon
come when violence shall no
more be heard in the land,
wasting nor destruction within
our borders; when the nations of
the earth shall learn war no
more; and when all the king-
doms of this world shall be-
come the Kingdom of our Lord
and of his Christ; through the
same Jesus Christ thy Son, who
liveth and reigneth with thee and
the Holy Ghost, one God, world
without end. Amen.

Prayer set forth by the same,
March 28, 1862:

O most mighty God and
merciful Father, who rulest in the
armies of heaven, and among the
inhabitants of the earth; we com-
mend to thy watchful care and
sure protection all those thy ser-
vants, who have gone forth in de-
fence of the supreme authority of
the land, and for whose pres-
ervation amid the perils of war
we offer up our earnest prayers
unto thy Divine Majesty. Guard them,
we beseech thee, from the dangers
which beset their way, from sick-
ness, from the violence of enemies,

and from every evil to which they may be exposed. Let thy fatherly hand be over them; let thy Holy Spirit be with them; let thy good angels have charge of them; and in thy kind Providence may they return to their homes in peace and safety, with a grateful sense of thy mercy. May they realize that in the midst of life they are in death, and may they be ready, by thy grace, for a sudden call into the presence of their Judge. Have pity, O Lord, upon those who are suffering from the calamities of battle, and grant them thy heavenly consolations. Avenge their distresses, heal their wounds,

and in thy good times restore
them to health, and enabled
them to show forth thy praises
in a life of devotion to thy serv-
ices. Or else so fit and pre-
pare them against the hour
of death, that after their de-
partures hence in peace, and in
thy favor, their souls may be re-
ceived into thine everlasting king-
dom. Have mercy upon all pris-
oners of war, and give them
a happy deliverance. Regard with
tender compassion all who are
afflicted and bereaved by the loss
of those who have fallen in
the service of their country, and
sanctify to them all their sorrows.

And, finally, we beseech thee, O
Lord, to hasten the time when
unity, peace and concord shall
prevail throughout our borders;
when wars shall cease in all
the earth; when all the nations
shall rejoice in thy salvation;
and when there shall be none
to hurt or destroy in all thy holy
mountain; through Jesus Christ,
our only Saviour and Redeemer.
Amen.

Collect set forth by the same for
Thanksgiving Day appointed by the
President of the United States
for Nov: 26, 1863:

O Almighty God, the sovereign Commander of all the world, in whose hand is power and might, which none is able to withstand; we bless and magnify thy great and glorious Name for all the favors thou hast vouchsafed to us in the midst of our national troubles and adversities. In judgment thou hast remembered mercy. Thou hast not given us over as a prey unto our enemies. Therefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but unto thy Name be given the glory. Thou has done great things for us, for which we rejoice. May we remember

that our help still standeth
 in the Name of the Lord, who
 hath made heaven and earth.
 Bless every effort for the defence
 and establishment of the su-
 preme authority of the land;
 and bring to nought the coun-
 sels of those who are com-
 mitting the sins of sedition,
 conspiracy and rebellion. Have
 mercy upon them, we beseech
 thee, and give them repentance
 and better minds. And we pray
 thee, O God, to give us grace
 to improve thy great mercies to
 thy glory, the advancement of
 thy Gospel, the honor of our
 country, and, as much as in

us both, to the good of all
mankind. May civil liberty and
pure religion be extended to all
nations and people; and may
we show forth our thankfulness
for these and all thy other
blessings to us, by an humble,
holy, and obedient walking be-
fore thee all our days; through
Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom,
with thee and the Holy Spirit,
as for all thy mercies, so in
particular for our victories and
deliverances, be all glory and
honour without end.

Amen.

Prayers set forth for use in the Diocese of
Massachusetts.

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A Prayer for the Country.

To be used during the continuance of the present war.

O most powerful and glorious Lord God, we make our address to thy Divine majesty in this our necessity, that thou wouldst take the cause into Thine own hands. We acknowledge our manifold transgressions, as a people, of thy righteous laws; but let not our sins now cry against us for vengeance. Grant us deliverance from those great calamities wherewith we are compassed; and speedily restore to us the blessings of unity, peace, and concord. Give grace, we beseech Thee, to all who are in authority over us; and grant that they may have a right judgment in all things, and may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help. Sanctify thy fatherly correction to the good of our people; and grant that, by the aid of thy Holy Spirit, all the inhabitants of this land may, with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto thee. And finally we pray, that these events may be ordered by thy governance to the advancement of thy Kingdom, and the glory of thy great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the protection of our defenders.

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O Eternal Lord God, that rulest and commandest all things, we commend to thy Almighty protection thy servants, who have gone forth, by land and by sea, for the defence of our country. Defend them, we beseech thee, against the face of the enemy; guard them from sickness, and from every evil to which they may be exposed; may they put their whole trust and confidence in Thee; give them a hearty repentance, and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour; and grant that they may return in safety, with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies, and finally attain thy heavenly promises, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the sick, the wounded, and the prisoner.

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O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, we humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve, all those who are now afflicted with any of the calamities of war [and especially thy servant for whom our prayers are desired.] Remember all who are prisoners; or wounded; or sick; or

in all appearance nigh unto death. Look upon them in mercy; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness; give them patience under their affliction; and in thy good time grant them deliverance. And may they so repent them of their sins, and have always such a lively and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour, that they may have peace in their own souls, and at last be received into thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### Thanksgiving for a Safe Return from War.

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Most gracious Lord, who art the Giver of life, of health, and of safety, we praise thy holy name that thou hast been pleased to bring back, from the perils of war, this thy servant, who now deserveth to return his thanks unto thee in thy holy church. Fill his heart with a due sense of thy merciful goodness towards him; and may he ever express his thankfulness by living to thy glory all his days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### For Victory.

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The Collect in the Forms of Prayer to be used at Sea, commencing, "O Almighty God, the Sovereign Commander of all the world."



Prayer for use on the Day of National Thanksgiv-  
ing, Thursday, Nov. 26, 1863.

O Almighty God, the Sovereign Commander of all the world,  
we bless thy glorious name for the manifold mercies vouch-  
safed to this nation during the past year. We thank Thee for  
the preservation of peace with other nations; and for the success  
which thou hast given to the efforts of our Rulers to subdue the  
Rebellion against the Government of the Land. We acknowledge  
our unworthiness of these blessings: for we have sinned grievously  
against Thee, and have provoked most justly thy wrath and in-  
dignation against us. We therefore praise thy holy name, that thou  
hast not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us  
according to our iniquities. And, we beseech Thee, give us grace  
to improve these great mercies to thy glory, the advancement of  
thy Gospel, the honor of our country, and, as much as in us li-  
eth, to the good of all mankind. Continue to us thy loving  
Kindness, O Lord. Give success to our armies and our fleets.  
Bring to nought the devices of the enemy. Defend our soldiers  
and sailors; and mercifully relieve all who are now afflicted  
with any of the calamities of war. And speedily restore to  
us the blessings of peace. All which we ask through Jesus  
Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Spi-  
rit, be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

The foregoing were set forth by me as Bishop of the  
Diocese.

Boston, Jan<sup>y</sup> 4, 1864.

Wm. Easton

To the Clergy  
of the Diocese of New Hampshire:

I recommend the following Prayer for use in the Services of the Church during the continuance of the evils, which now afflict our Country. And to the Laity I recommend its use in the devotions of the family and of the closet.

Carlton Chase, Bishop.  
Claremont. May 1. 1861.

Prayer.

Almighty and Eternal God, King of kings & Lord of Lords, by whose judgment nations are cast down, and by whose mercy they rise again in strength and glory, we humble ourselves before thee in this great extremity and distress of our Country. And while we confess our guilt and unworthiness in thy sight, and must own the justice of this visitation of thy wrath, we fervently implore thy forgiveness, and thy gracious intervention for our relief and protection. By thy merciful and mighty power uphold,





we beseech Thee, the Government of this Land.  
Overrule the counsels of those, who are enemies  
of union and peace. To all in authority over us  
give wisdom, energy, and courage, that through  
their faithful performance of duty and the  
resources committed to them by thy providence  
and made effectual by thy blessing, this Re-  
public may be preserved in peace to many  
generations, Grant that our free institutions  
may stand as things which cannot be shaken,  
but which remain as monuments of thy  
protecting care and the patriotism of thy people.  
Stay the progress of insurrection and intestine  
war. Restore to our Country union, peace,  
and prosperity; and grant, that all of us,  
humbled and sanctified by these sore af-  
flictions, may henceforth strive more faith-  
fully to serve Thee in this world, and may  
finally attain to everlasting life hereafter, -  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Dioceſe of Maine.

A Prayer for the Country.

O God, our Refuge and Strength, and very preſent  
help in trouble, we beſeech Thee to have mercy on our  
afflicted country, and ſend us deliverance from our highs.  
Remember not our ſins, nor the ſins of thoſe who are arrayed  
againſt us: endue our rulers and counſellors with wiſdom,  
our commanders and ſoldiers, by land or ſea, with valour  
and faithfulneſs, and all the people with hearts united  
in thy fear: bring the devices of the wicked to naught;  
open the eyes of ſuch as are deceived: give ſucceſs to our  
juſt cauſe, and forbearance in ſucceſs; or, ſhouldeſt Thou  
hearken us ſuſtain us with patience and firm truſt in  
Thee; and grant that theſe United States may be preſerved in  
union and in ſtrength, to glorify Thy name in all coming  
ages, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.



The following Special Prayer was set forth, to be  
used in the Congregations of the Diocese of Indiana on  
the National Fast Day, April 30<sup>th</sup> 1863 - by

George Upfold

Bishop of Indiana

Almighty God, who dost command us to  
humble ourselves under Thy mighty hand, that Thou  
mayest exalt us in due time, we, Thy unworthy  
servants, desire most humbly to confess before Thee,  
in this the time of sore affliction in our land, how  
deeply as a nation we deserve Thy wrath and indig-  
-nation. In the great calamities which have come  
upon us, we acknowledge Thy righteous visitation,  
and bow down our souls under the mighty hand of our  
holy and merciful God and Father. Manifest are  
our sins and transgressions, and the more sinful be-  
-cause of the abundance of our privileges and mercies  
under Thy providence and grace. In pride and  
living unto ourselves; in contentiousness and worldliness  
of mind; in self sufficiency and self dependence; in  
-glorifying in our own wisdom, riches, and strength, in-  
-stead of glorifying only in Thee; in making our boast  
of Thy unmerited blessings, as if our own might and  
wisdom had gotten them, instead of acknowledging  
Thee in all, and seeking first Thy Kingdom and right-  
-eousness; in profaneness of speech, and ungodliness



of life; in polluting Thy sabbaths, and receiving  
in vain Thy grace in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ; we acknowledge O Lord, that as a nation  
and people we have grievously sinned against Thy  
Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath  
and indignation against us. Righteousness belon-  
geth unto Thee, but unto us confusion of face. Be-  
cause Thy compassions have not failed, therefore,  
we are not consumed. Make us earnestly to repent  
and heartily to be sorry for these our misdoings.  
May the remembrance of them be grievous unto us.  
Turn unto Thee, O Lord, the hearts of all this  
people, in humiliation and prayer, that Thou mayest  
have compassion upon us and deliver us. Hear Thy  
Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that  
is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor  
and glory of Thy name. We beseech Thee so to sancti-  
fy unto us our present distresses, and so to make  
waste it deliver us, that an honorable and perma-  
nent peace may speedily ensue, that war shall be  
no more in all our borders, and that all resistance  
to the lawful Government of the country shall utterly  
cease. May those who seek the dismemberment of  
this ~~brother~~<sup>our</sup> National Union, under which this people, by Thy  
providence, have been so signally prospered and blessed,  
be convinced of their error and restored to a better mind.  
Grant that all bitterness, and wrath, and anger and malice

may be put away from them and from us, and that  
brotherly love and fellowship may be mutually restored,  
and established among us to all generations. Thus may  
the land bring forth her increase, under the blessings of  
peace, and Thy people serve Thee in all godly quietness,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers used regularly at Morning and  
Evening Prayer, in the Congregations of the Diocese.

O most powerful and glorious Lord God, the  
Lord of Hosts, who redest and commandest all things, who  
sittest in the Throne judging right; we make our appeal  
to Thy Divine Majesty, in this our trouble, that Thou  
wouldest take the cause into Thine own hand. Strengthen  
Thy strength, O Lord, and come and help us, Save and  
defend our Country in this its hour of peril. Revive in all  
hearts a spirit of devotion to the public good. Let Thy  
divine protection and guidance be over all who serve  
in Council or in the Field; and so rule their hearts  
and strengthen their hands, that they may persevere to us  
our goodly heritage which Thou gavest unto our fathers.  
Mercifully forgive the grievous sins which have drawn  
Thy judgments upon us. Help us to look to Thee in all  
our troubles and adversities, and at last to rejoice  
in the greatness of Thy salvation, through the merits and  
mediation of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
 Amen.

O eternal God and heavenly Father, the aid of all  
who need, the helper of all who flee to Thee for succour; we  
commend to Thy Almighty Protection, all those Thy servants

now gone forth in our defence, for whose preservation  
amid the perils of war our prayers are desired. Guard  
them, we beseech Thee, from the dangers that beset their  
way, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and  
from every evil to which they may be exposed. Give them  
comfort and sure confidence in Thee; and of Thy great  
goodness, restore them to us in due time, in peace and  
safety, with a grateful sense of Thy mercy, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayers.

O most powerful and glorious Lord  
God, the Lord of Hosts, that rulest and  
commandest all things; Thou sittest in  
the Throne judging right; and, therefore,  
we make our address to Thy Divine  
Majesty in this our necessity, that Thou  
wouldest be pleased to take the cause of our  
afflicted country into Thine Own hand.  
Stir up Thy strength O Lord! and come  
and help us. Let not our sins rise up  
against us for our vengeance. Still the  
outrage of the wicked and ungodly;  
appease the tumults raised up amongst  
us: restore to us the blessing of peace; and  
make it appear that Thou art our  
Sanctifier and mighty Deliverer;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

O Almighty God, the Sovereign  
Commander of all the world, in  
Whose hand are power and might  
which none is able to withstand; we  
humbly Thee to revive, into Thy Mighty  
protection, our brethren Thy ser-  
vants who have gone forth in our  
defense, and the Army and Navy  
in which they are. Guard them  
from sickness, violence, and dangers  
to the of body and soul: that they  
may be a safeguard unto the U-  
nited States of America, and a  
security for such as pass to and  
fro upon their lawful occasions;  
that so we may ever Thee in  
peace and quietness, and that  
they may return in safety to en-  
joy the blessings of the land;  
with the fruits of their labors:

and with a thankful remembrance  
of Thy mercies, to praise and glorify  
Thy Holy Name, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The foregoing prayers are those  
which have been set forth, for ordinary  
use, in the Diocese of Connecticut,  
during this extended rebellion. Other  
or special services have from time to  
time been appointed, but the prayers  
contained in them have not been specified,  
as not, apparently, coming within  
the terms of the request.

Geo. Williams  
Asst. Bishop.





To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Illinois

Dear Brethren.

I hereby set forth and appoint the following as the Order of Service in Rose Churches of the Diocese where there shall be Public worship, in conformity with the Proclamation of the President of the United States setting apart Thursday, the Sixth day of August next, as a Day for National Thanksgiving, Praise and Prayer.

I would also recommend that a collection be made in each Church for the sick and wounded Soldiers, and the amount forwarded for appropriation by the "Chicago Sanitary Commission".

Henry L. Whitcomb.  
Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

Chicago, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1863.

Morning Prayer in the usual order.

Instead of the Venite, the Psalm or Hymn of Praise from the "Book of Prayer to be used at Sea" beginning "Up the Lord Himself had not been on our side"

Psalter. "The Fourth Selection".

First Lesson, Ezekiel XXXVII

Second Lesson, Ephesians. IV.

Immediately before the General Thanksgiving shall be said the following:

O Lord God of our Salvation, we bless Thy  
 Holy Name that it hath pleased Thee to  
 hearken to the prayers of an afflicted people,  
 and to grant us such present help as canst  
 us to hope for Thy full deliverance from our  
 miserable confusions. We do this day  
 devoutly praise Thy goodness which comforts  
 us now after the time that Thou hast plagued  
 us, and the years wherein we have suffered  
 adversity. Continue, we beseech Thee, Thy  
 gracious favor, and multiply upon us  
 Thy mercy, covering us with the shadow  
 of Thy wings until this calamity be  
 overpast. Send forth Thy light and Thy  
 truth to guide us, and bring us to the fullness  
 of unity and peace. Direct and prosper  
 all events and counsels to preserve the Union  
 of these States, and maintain their Constitu-  
 tion, so that truth and justice, brotherly  
 kindness and charity, unity and concord  
 may be the stability of our times, and make  
 this Nation a Paradise in the Earth.  
 We acknowledge our unworthiness and the  
 grievous sins which have provoked Thy  
 judgment to lay us thus in a place of  
 darkness and in the deep. But our cry  
 hath entered into Thine ear, and in our

Lorrows we look only to Thee as the Author  
of strength, the Giver of Victory, and the Conso-  
lation of the afflicted. May Thy goodness  
lead us to repentance and amendment of  
life; renew and increase in us a spirit of  
love and faithfulness, of peaceable obedience  
to Thy laws, and of fervent zeal for Thy Holy  
Faith. Guide the Councils of the Government  
with wisdom from on high, and let Thy Holy  
Spirit rule the hearts and strengthen the  
hands of all to whom are committed offices  
of trust. Subdue anger, pride and vain  
glory. Take away all ignorance, hardness  
of heart and contempt of Thy word, and  
so fetch home, blessed Lord, those who have  
gone out from us, that we may again become  
one in the goodly heritage which Thou  
gavest to our Fathers.

And while we rejoice, may we also be  
ready to weep with those who weep, and  
remember in sympathy and care those  
who have jeopardized their lives unto the death  
in the high places of the field. Most gracious  
Father, look in pity on all our Brethren who  
in this success of our arms are sufferers  
in mind, body or estate. In their pains  
of body and distress of soul let the comforts

of Thy grace abound towards them.  
Relieve them effectually in their several  
necessities; assuaging the pain of their  
wounds and making all their bed in  
their sickness. Sanctify the sorrows of  
the increased, endue them with patience  
under their affliction, and with resigna-  
tion to Thy blessed will

O A. Lord, for our Country and for us  
all, what seemeth to Thee good in Thy love  
and our need. Thou art a most strong  
tower to those who put their trust in Thee  
to whom all things in Heaven and Earth  
do bow and obey. Be now and evermore  
our defence, and make us know and  
feel that there is no other Name under  
Heaven given to man in whom, and through  
whom, we may receive Salvation but only  
the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



## Prayer for Those in Suffering

O Father of mercies, and God of all Comfort? we fly unto Thee for succor in behalf of all those who are suffering in mind body or Estate in the Calamities of this season of war. The more their sorrows press hard upon them, the more let the Comforts of Thy mercy and pity abound towards them. Beset with Thy consolation the sick, the wounded, the prisoners, the poor and distressed, and all deprived of relatives and friends Be the Father of the Fatherless, the God of the widow and the solace of Parents bereaved of their children. Raise up for all the downcast and stricken friends to pity and minister to their several necessities. Relieve the distressed, protect the innocent and awaken the guilty, Prepare to meet Thee all who shall die in this conflict, giving them true repentance, lively faith, and sincerity of heart, that they may be Thine in the day when Thou shalt set up Thy jewels, through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, Ever one God world without End.

Amen.

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Order of Service  
for  
Thanksgiving Day.  
November 26<sup>th</sup> 1863.

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The Service shall be according to the "Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the Fruits of the Earth &c." as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, except that the following Prayers and Thanksgiving shall be added thereto, as specially directed.

Immediately before the General Thanksgiving shall be said as follows.

Prayer in Public Calamity.

O most Mighty God! King of Kings and Lord of Lords, without whose care the weak man waketh but in vain, we implore in this our time of need Thy succor and blessing in behalf of our Rulers and Magistrates and all the people of this land. Remember not our many and great transgressions,

turn from us the judgments we feel and  
fear; and give us wisdom to discern,  
and courage to attempt, and faithfulness  
to do, and patience to endure whatever  
shall be well pleasing in Thy sight, that  
so Thy chastenings may yield the peaceable  
fruits of righteousness, and that, at the last  
we may rejoice in Thy Salvation through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer for Rulers.

Grant, O Lord, to such as are entrusted  
with the government and protection of the  
Nation, Thy most gracious support and  
guidance. Grant in their hearts a deep  
sense of dependence on Thy wisdom, power  
and favor, and incline them with all  
humility to seek the same. Make Thy Word  
to be their light, and Thine arm their strength.  
Under their heavy burthens be Thou their  
chosen refuge and consolation. By their  
counsel and measures, with Thy blessing,  
may the wounds of the Nation be speedily  
healed, and Thy people be glad in the  
peace and love of Thy Salvation, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those Exposed to  
Special Dangers.

O God, Most Mighty and Most Gracious,  
by whom the Ruins of our Land are all  
numbered, we implore Thy blessing and  
protection for all who have gone forth for  
our service by Land and Water in every  
duty and danger be their present help  
in all provocations and sufferings give  
them patience and resignation, and a  
heart to seek their comfort in Thee.

Let Thy Fatherly hand, we beseech Thee,  
be over them; let Thy Holy Spirit be with  
them; let Thy good Angels have charge  
of them; with Thy loving Kindness defend  
them as with a shield; and either bring  
them out of their peril in safety, with a  
heart to show forth Thy praises forever,  
or else sustain them with that glorious  
hope, by which alone Thy servants can  
have victory in suffering and in death,  
through the sole merits of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord. Amen.



## Prayer for Unity and Peace

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ our only Saviour, the Giver of Peace, give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhapp<sup>y</sup> divisions. Take away all hatred and jealousies, self-interests, pride and vain glory that may hinder us from godly union and Concord. Settle the flocks of Thy people in peace, and remove all scandals; make wars to cease in all the Earth. Put a stop to the violence of heresies; heal the schisms of the Churches, that all Christians may be so joined together in unity of the Spirit, that they may be an holy, blameless acceptable unto Thee, so that we, Thy people, and the sheep of Thy pasture, united in the bonds of faith and charity, with one heart and mind, may glorify Thee in Thy peace and love, O God our Saviour, who art, the King of all the Ends of the Earth.

Amen.

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After the special Thanksgiving in the "Form  
of Thanksgiving" shall be said the  
following Special Thanksgiving.

O Eternal God, the shield of our help, beneath  
whose sovereign defence Thy people dwell  
in safety, we bless and praise we laud  
and magnify Thy glorious Name, for the  
providence and tender mercies bestowed.  
to us in this season of our national sorrows  
and humiliation. O Thy overruling grace,  
peace has been preserved with all Nations,  
and in this portion of our Land order has  
been maintained, the laws have been respected  
and the Government sustained, peaceful  
industry has prospered, the means of  
public instruction and religious culture  
have been bestowed, and Thy Church has  
been permitted to serve Thee in godly quiet-  
ness. For these Thy gifts, and all Thy  
goodness towards us, inspire our souls  
with grateful love; lift up our voices  
in songs of thankfulness, and so pour  
out upon us Thy Holy Spirit that we  
may be humble and watchful in our  
prosperity, patient and steadfast  
in our afflictions, and always enjoy



the blessed Confession of that people  
 whose God is the Lord; all of which we  
 ask through Jesus Christ our Mediator  
 and Redeemer, to whom with the Father  
 and the Holy Ghost be all Honor and glory  
 praise and dominion now and forever.  
 Amen.

Any of the Prayers here set forth for the  
 Day of Public Thanksgiving may be  
 used, at the discretion of the Ministers,  
 in Divine Service during the continuance  
 of our National troubles.

Special Prayer,  
set forth by  
the Rt. Rev. Wm. Ingraham Kip DD  
Bishop of California.

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May - 1861.  
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O God, our Heavenly Father, in the  
midst of manifold and sore troubles, which  
our transgressions have brought upon us,  
we come to Thee as our only refuge. We  
acknowledge and bewail our many sins,  
which have most justly provoked Thy  
wrath and indignation. Spare us who  
now confess our transgressions unto Thee.  
Mercifully behold us, now humbling  
ourselves under Thy mighty hand, in  
this day of confusion and trouble.

Thou alone makest men to be of  
one mind and stillest the outrage of  
violence and disorder. Take away, we  
beseech Thee, all hatred and prejudice  
from among us, and whatever may hinder  
the return of peace and concord. Appease  
the strife and tumults which have  
arisen, that they bring not upon  
us, once and more, the sin of  
blood guiltiness. Restore peace in  
our time, O Lord, and so turn Thine  
anger from us, truly repenting of our  
sins, that being restored to godly  
quietness here, we may again be  
all of one heart and one spirit, uni-

—ted in one holy bond of faith and  
charity, and may with one mind  
and one mouth glorify Thee, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Prayer.

O Lord, the holy and the mighty God, of power infinite and rich in mercy, we stretch forth our hands unto thee in humble supplication. In this hour of trial and danger we pray thee to look with Compassion upon our beloved Country, and to turn from us those evils which we most justly have deserved. Thou alone art our Refuge in adversity, and our Light in darkness. For the sake of thy blessed Son, who ever liveth to make intercession for us, hear us from heaven, thy dwelling place, and when thou hearest answer and forgive.

In times past thou hast been our nation's Guardian and Protector. We have heaved with our ears, O God, our father



have declared unto us the  
noble works that thou didst  
in their days, and in the old  
time before them. The Lord  
our God be with us as He was  
with our fathers. Let Him  
not leave us nor forsake us.

O He Vseceh thee,  
merciful God, to continue to us  
the inestimable blessings  
of good government, social  
order, civil and religious liberty,  
and the supremacy of justice  
and law. May the gently  
inheritance transmitted to  
us by our fathers, be handed  
down unimpaired to our  
children. May it please thee  
to guide the counsels of our  
rulers, to direct them in all  
their doings with thy most  
gracious favor, and to further  
them with thy continual help.  
We commend to thy Almighty

protection our brethren who  
are exposed to danger in our  
defence, whether by land or by  
sea. Will thou guard them  
in the day of battle, preserve  
them from sickness and bodily  
harm, and also from temptations  
and spiritual perils. Will  
thou preserve those who may  
fall in this conflict to meet  
their God in peace, through true  
repentance and faith in the  
Lord Jesus Christ. May the  
precious blood of the cross  
cleanse their souls from all  
sin, and may their bereaved  
families and friends find  
thee to be indeed the Father  
of mercies and the God of  
all consolation.

And wilt thou, who art  
the God of peace and love,  
shorten the days of this tribu-  
lation, bring back alienated

brethren to weariness of heart  
and mind, grant us a  
speedy, equitable and lasting  
peace and make us a people  
fearing God and working  
righteousness. Grant  
these our requests, and give  
whatever else thou sees't  
that we need, for the sake of  
our only Mediator and Advocate,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.

The above prayer has been  
set forth for use in the Diocese  
of Delaware July 4<sup>th</sup> 1861.

Alfred Lee  
Bishop of the Prot. Ep. Church  
in Delaware

Diocese of New York.

O Most powerful & glorious Lord God,  
the Lord of Hosts, that rulest & Com-  
mandest all things: Thou sittest in the  
Throne judging right, and therefore  
we make our appeal to Thy divine  
Majesty, in this our trouble, that Thou  
wouldest take the Cause into Thine own  
Hand - Stir up Thy strength, O Lord,  
and come and help us - Save and  
defend our country in this its hour of  
peril. Revive in all hearts a spirit  
of devotion to the public good. Let  
Thy divine Protection and Guidance be  
over all who serve in Council, or in the  
Field; & so rule their hearts & strengthen  
their hands that they may preserve



to us the goodly heritage which  
Thou gavest unto our Fathers. Meri-  
tully forgive the grievous sins which  
have drawn Thy judgments upon us -  
Help us to look to Thee in all our  
troubles and adversities, and at last  
to rejoice in the greatness of Thy  
Salvation; - through the merits and  
mediation of our blessed Lord  
and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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O Eternal God and Heavenly Father,  
 the Aid of all who need, the Helper of  
 all who flee to Thee for Succour: we  
 commend to Thy Almighty Protection  
 all those Thy Servants now gone forth  
 in our defence, for whose preservation  
 amid the perils of war our prayers  
 are desired - Guard them, we beseech  
 Thee, from the dangers that beset their  
 way, from sickness, from the violence  
 of enemies, and from every evil to  
 which they may be exposed. Give  
 them comfort & have confidence  
 in Thee; and of Thy great



goodness restore them to us in  
due time, in peace and safety,  
with a grateful sense of Thy  
mercy through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord - Amen -

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Horatio Potter,  
Bishop of New York.

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# Diocese of Rhode Island.

The following Prayers may be used on occasions of Public Worship in this Diocese.

Thomas M. Clark,  
Bishop of the Diocese.

Providence, R. I. June 1. 1861.

## Prayer.

O most powerful & glorious  
Lord God, the Lord of hosts,  
that rulest & commandest all  
things, we invoke Thy protection  
in behalf of Thy servants who  
have gone forth to aid in saving  
our land from the ravages of  
sedition, conspiracy & rebellion.

Guard them, we beseech Thee, from  
sickness, from the violence of ene-  
mies, & from every evil to which  
they may be exposed. Let not  
our sins cry against us for ven-  
geance, nor visit us according  
to our iniquities; but raise up  
Thy power to be now & evermore  
our defence. Save our heritage  
from reproach, & our government  
from destruction. May the su-  
premaccy of law be speedily  
vindicated in every portion of  
the land, & peace be restored  
throughout all our borders.  
Give success to the right, O Lord  
God; bring light out of darkness;

I make it appear that Thou  
art our Lion & Mighty  
Deliverer; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

### Thanksgiving.

O Eternal God, our defence  
& our shield, whose power no crea-  
ture is able to withstand, we  
bless & magnify Thy glorious  
name for the victory which has  
crowned our arms in the great  
contest we are now waging for  
the preservation of our national  
integrity & freedom. Give to our  
soldiers courage in the day of  
battle, & tenderness & forbearance

in the form of triumph. May our  
sisters be endowed with wisdom &  
grace, & all our people with the  
spirit of sacrifice & self-denial.  
Hasten the day, O Lord, when  
those who are now alienated  
shall once more love together  
in harmony & peace, united per-  
ever in one holy bond of truth &  
faith & charity, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers,  
for use in the Diocese of New Jersey.

William Henry Odumheimer  
Bishop.

Almighty God, the Sovereign Commander of all the world,  
to whom belongeth power which none is able to withstand;  
We commend to Thy gracious protection, the persons of Thy servants,  
who are engaged in the defense of our country in the Army  
and Navy of the United States. Let Thy fatherly hand, we  
beseech Thee, ever be over them. Let Thy HOLY SPIRIT  
ever be with them, and shield them by Thy merciful Providence  
in the discharge of their duty, that passing through all  
temptations and perils, they may return to their homes  
to enjoy the fruit of their toils, in the restoration of peace,  
and the establishment of order and tranquility among us.

Protect and bless, O Lord, all the members of their  
households; assuage their fears; encourage their hearts;  
and comfort them with Thy grace and heavenly benediction,  
under any afflictions Thou shalt see fit to lay upon them.  
Visit with the consolations of Thy grace all those whose  
homes have been made desolate by war, or who are suffering  
in the battle field or in hospitals, from wounds or sickness.  
Give them comfort and sure confidence in Thee. In all  
times of their tribulation; in the hour of death, and in the



day of judgment, good LORD, deliver them.

And grant that all of us, being duly impressed with  
a sense of Thy goodness in the past, may have cause to  
bless Thy name for the continuance of Thy mercies, and  
may ever express our thankfulness by a holy trust in Thee  
and obedience to Thy laws; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD.  
Amen.

O Most powerful and glorious LORD God, the LORD of  
hearts, that rulest and commandest all things: Thou sittest  
in the Throne, judging right: and therefore we make our  
address to Thy Divine Majesty, in this our necessity, that  
Thou wouldst take the cause of our Country into Thine own hand.

Thou alone makest men wise of our mind in our house,  
and pourest into their hearts the most excellent gift of  
Charity. Appeared, we humbly beseech Thee, the tumults  
which exist among us. Give peace in our time O LORD:  
and Grant to all of us grace, that we may henceforth obediently  
walk in Thy holy commandments: and leading a quiet and peaceable  
life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto Thee  
our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for these Thy mercies  
towards us, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

Amen.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, who hast taught us  
in Thy holy Word, that supplications, prayers,  
intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all  
men, and especially for all that are in authority:  
Grant, we humbly beseech Thee, to all such as are  
intrusted with the government and defence of this nation  
Thy most gracious support: guide their counsels  
with wisdom adequate to so great a national emergency;  
graft in their hearts a sense of dependence on Thy  
wisdom, power and favor, and incline them with all  
humility to seek Thine aid. Let all their ways, may they  
acknowledge Thee, that Thou mayest direct their steps.  
Under their heavy burden and trials, be Thou their refuge  
and consolation. By their counsels and measures may  
the wounds of the nation be speedily healed. And  
so further them with Thy continual help, that in all  
their works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, they  
may glorify Thy holy Name; through JESUS CHRIST our Lord.

Amen.



Diocese of Ohio

Gambier Jan: 20 1864

The following prayers were set forth for use  
in this Diocese, in obedience to President  
Lincoln's Proclamation: during the absence  
of my Senior Bishop Mr. Alvain.

G. J. Bedell  
Assistant Bishop

### A Prayer for the Bereaved.

O merciful God and Heavenly Father, look  
with pity, we beseech Thee, upon the sorrows  
of Thy servants who are suffering, from the  
calamities of this war. Remember, O  
Lord, in mercy, the Widows and the  
Fatherless, those who have been bereaved  
of their earthly stay, and those who now  
have none to help them. Keep ever  
alive the active sympathies of a  
grateful people in their behalf. May

Thy bountiful Providence supply their daily needs, and the consolations of Thy grace abound towards them. Endue their souls with patience and resignation to Thy blessed will. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon them, and give them peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Wounded,  
Sick, and Dying Soldiers  
Adapted

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, we fly unto Thee for succor, in behalf of the sick and wounded of our national forces. From Thee alone cometh health and salvation. Enable them patiently



to endure. If it please Thee, give  
healing virtue to the remedies which  
shall be used. By the wholesome  
medicine of Thy Gospel and by faith  
in Thy Son Jesus, cure, we beseech  
Thee, all the diseases of their souls;  
and raise them up again to serve Thee  
gratefully in their generation.

For those whose dissolution draweth  
nigh, we pray that the more the outward  
man decayeth, so much the more Thou  
wilt strengthen them by Thy graces and  
Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give  
them unfeigned repentance for all their  
sins, and steadfast faith in Christ our  
Redeemer.

We humbly commend  
their souls into Thy hands as into the  
hands of a faithful Creator, and most  
merciful Saviour. Wash them, O  
Lord, in the blood of that Immaculate  
Lamb that was slain to take away the



Sins of the world: that whatsoever  
defilements they may have contracted in  
the midst of this miserable and naughty  
world, through the lusts of the flesh,  
or the wiles of Satan, being purged and  
done away, they may be presented pure  
and without spot before Thee.

We ask it through the only and all  
sufficient merits of Christ Jesus  
our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer for rulers and people.

Almighty and everlasting God. Our only refuge  
in the hour of peril, look with pity we beseech  
Thee upon the desolations of our beloved Country,  
Our sins have called for Thy righteous judgments.  
We confess our guilt and bewail our transgressions.  
O Lord, in Thy judgment remember mercy.  
Take away from us all hatred and strife.  
Spare us for Thy Church's sake, for the sake of  
Thy dear Son, from the calamities of civil war.  
Give Thy Holy Spirit to our rulers that under  
Thy protection they may save this great nation  
from anarchy and ruin. Preserve them from  
all blindness, pride, prejudice and enmity. Give  
unto the people unity, a love of justice and an  
understanding heart. Restrain the wrath of  
man and save the effusion of blood.  
Bring again the blessings of peace and  
grant unto us a heart to serve Thee



and week before Thee in beliefs all the days of our life. These things which we are not worthy to ask, we humbly beg for the sake of Thy dear SON, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen -

Prayer for mercy and grace.

Almighty God, we implore Thy mercy upon all those who are entrusted with the government and defence of this nation. Enable them and us to put away all those sins which have provoked Thy anger. Give unto them Thy heavenly grace that by the prevalence of wise counsels and just measures our unhappy stripes may be healed. Take the cause into Thine own hand and judge between us. Pardon the sins of all those who are engaged in this war and give unto us hearts to



love and fear Thee, that so we may be  
united together in love, unity and concord,  
and finally be received into Thine everlasting  
Kingdom, through the merits of Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with the Father and  
the Holy Ghost ever one GOD, world without  
end. Amen -

### Prayer for the Church.

Protect, O Lord we beseech Thee, Thy Church  
with Thy mighty power in these days of sore  
trial. Give unto its ministers and people the  
Spirit of unity, peace and concord, that all  
dissensions and divisions may cease from  
among us. Have pity upon all those who  
are in error and restore them to Thy truth.  
Pardon all our sins wherein we have  
offended against Thy Divine Majesty. Grant  
that our present afflictions may be for





the furtherance of Thy Kingdom, the spread  
of Thy Gospel and the salvation of men.  
Hasten, O blessed Saviour the time when  
all who profess Thy Name shall be one  
in fellowship and love and to Thee shall  
be the praise and glory whom with the  
Father and the Holy Ghost we worship as  
One God, world without end. Amen.

The above prayers were duly set forth  
to be used by the clergy and congregations  
of the Diocese of Minnesota

W. B. Whipple

Bishop of Minnesota



Phil Dec. 29 1863.

Madam:

In reply to your note  
received this evening, I beg  
leave to say, that the Occa-  
sional Prayers issued in the  
Diocese of Penna were all  
set forth by its venerable  
Bishop, the Rt Rev A Potter D.D.  
In their sentiment & spirit I  
most cordially unite.

Most earnestly so I pray  
that in God's due time & way,  
this sinful Rebellion may  
be put down, - that oppression,  
& slavery in all its forms may  
be done away, - that freedom  
of mind & body - political &  
religious may everywhere pre-  
vail, - that the emanci-

rated negroes whom we  
by Mr. Trindene is now  
meeting our care may  
be the object of our liberal  
& Christian regards, & instruction  
- that war may soon cease  
throughout all our borders, -  
& that our now lacerated  
Country, may again be re-  
united, that from the Lakes  
to the north & the Gulf and the  
South; & from the Atlantic to  
the Pacific, there shall be but  
one Union - one government,  
one flag - one Constitution  
all conveying to, & culmina-  
ting in, that higher glory,  
which shall make this  
Nation, "Emmanuel's Land  
a mountain of holiness &  
dwelling place of Righteousness."

Very Respectfully  
Yours  
J. P. Stevens  
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